

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2010-15

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THAT CONTINUING THE PAID POSITION OF
FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS BEYOND FY 2011 SHALL BE
CONTINGENT ON VOTER RATIFICATION OF A SALES TAX INCREASE TO
FUND THE POSITION**

WHEREAS achievement of a properly trained, equipped, staffed and administered fire response team is essential for the safety of life and property in Gustavus; and

WHEREAS on March 11, 2010 the City Council of Gustavus adopted Resolution 2010-09, a resolution in support of transitioning from a volunteer fire chief to a paid, full-time fire chief for the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS current funding for a paid fire chief has been identified only through FY 2011; and

WHEREAS the City Council acknowledged that funding of a position of greater than one year duration may require a sales tax increase which will need voter ratification at the October 5, 2010 general election; and

WHEREAS if voter ratification of a sales tax increase does not occur, the City Council would have to make expenditure reductions to future budgets in order to proceed with the funding for this paid, full-time fire chief; and

WHEREAS reductions could be incurred by various entities which are currently funded by the City of Gustavus such as the library, clinic, marine facilities, city hall, GVA and DRC; and

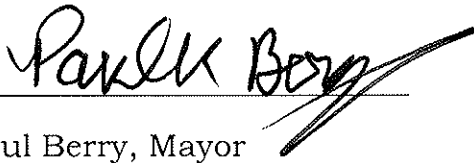
WHEREAS citizens of Gustavus expect that their elected officials are fiscally responsible and have thoroughly researched all options for maintaining a viable and effective Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department; and

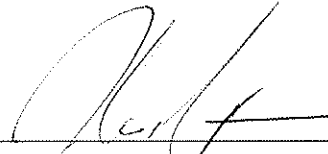
AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council directs the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Committee to proceed with recruiting a paid fire chief, under an extended recruitment period if necessary, but with the provisos that funding and continuance of the position beyond July


1, 2011 shall be contingent upon voter ratification of a sales tax increase in Fall 2010 sufficient to fund the position, and that selection of a candidate shall be approved by the Council before hiring.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the city council this

13th day of May, 2010.

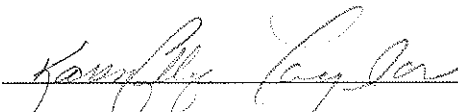

Paul Berry, Mayor

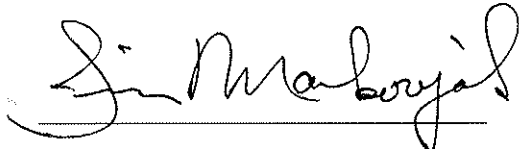

John Nixon, Vice Mayor

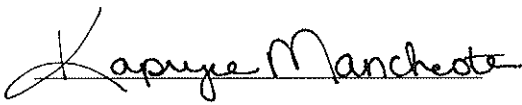

Joe Lassiter, Council Member


Tim Sunday, Council Member


Melanie Lesh, Council Member


Karen Taylor, Council Member


Jim Mackovjak, Council Member


Attest: Kapryce Manchester, CMC
City Clerk